

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION

Sixteenth Day's Proceedings
FORMATION OF NEW PARISHES
Relative to Marriages and Divorces
CHARACTER OF THE MUSIC IN THE CHURCHES

New York, Oct. 24, 1868.
The sixteenth day of the Protestant Episcopal National Convention commenced at 9 o'clock this morning with the usual religious services, conducted by the Rev. E. A. P. Berkeley, of Missouri, and the Rev. Dr. Charles Reynolds, of Kansas. The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Kemper, of Wisconsin.

New Parishes.
After the reading and adoption of the record of yesterday's proceedings, the Rev. Dr. Haight, of New York, from the Committee on Canons, made an address report to the amendments offered by a delegate from Rhode Island, to Canon V, title 3. The amendment was that in the words, "ecclesiastical authority" there should be inserted, "the consent to such formation or establishment shall be considered as granted, unless refused within three months after the ecclesiastical authority has been duly notified of the intention of forming a new parish."

Dr. Haight stated on behalf of the committee that he did not think it advisable to depart from the present rule, requiring direct consent from the ecclesiastical authority. The report of the committee was adopted.
On Marriages and Divorces.
Dr. Haight from the same committee, also reported the following in relation to marriages and divorces, and it was laid on the table, in expectation that the House of Bishops had also taken some action on the subject, and would report their action to the Lower House.

Canon.—No minister of this church shall solemnize marriage in any case between two parties where there is a husband of either party still living, save only in the case of divorce for the cause of adultery.
About Church Music.
Mr. P. E. Dewitt, of Michigan, offered a series of resolutions in relation to church music, for the next Triennial Convention. The mover complained of the character of the music in Protestant Episcopal churches, and likened it to opera music. After discussion the resolutions, which are as follows, were withdrawn:

Resolved: That the thanks of the House are due and are hereby tendered to the clergyman who have officiated at a choir at the present convention.
Resolved: That the ecclesiastical authorities of the diocese, in which the next General Convention is to be held, be respectfully requested to make preparation for a similar style of music at the opening services and through the session.
1. By intrusting to some suitable person or committee the duty of selecting a choir, and providing for their necessary practice.
2. By having printed, for the use of the House, the Canticles for morning and evening prayer, pointed for chanting.

Mr. George F. Houghton, of Virginia, then offered a resolution that the Rev. William Channey Langdon, a member of the Italian Reform Committee, address the House for twenty minutes, but by the objection of Hon. Hamilton Fish, of New York, it was withdrawn.
Future Meetings of the Convention.
Mr. J. B. Root, of Wisconsin, offered a resolution that the next meeting of the Convention be held in a consecrated church. He thought that many of the proceedings of the Convention were not proper to occur in a consecrated church.

Rev. Dr. Klyhane, of Illinois, thought that a Chapter House should be used for the Conventions, and thought that the future great metropolis of the country, Chicago, would be the best location.
Mr. S. B. Ruggles, of New York, thought that if a church building was too good for a convention, they should never be held in a desecrated house.
No action was taken on the subject.
The Use of Tobacco.
Mr. William Welsh, of Philadelphia, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, remarked that both clerical and lay deputies used tobacco during the sessions of the Convention, and the Rector and owners of the church complained.

Mr. S. B. Ruggles, of New York, thought the Convention should not degrade itself before the public by the indelicate remarks of certain members, and he hoped the matter would be dropped.
The subject was then laid on the table.
Committee on Expenses.
The Committee on Expenses then reported in favor of increasing the tax on dioceses for the purposes of the Convention from \$2 per minister to \$3. They also authorized the payment of \$150 to the Secretary of the House of Bishops, and \$200 to the Secretary of Clerical and Lay Deputies, which was agreed to.
Rev. Dr. Hubbard, of New Hampshire, protested against the action of the Convention yesterday, in tabling the report of the Committee on Prayer Book; but he was corrected by some of the members, and the President stated that the report was not tabled, but simply withdrawn.

A Conference Committee.
The Rev. Dr. Klyhane, of Ill., made a motion that a committee of two be appointed to confer with the House of Bishops in relation to the concluding services of the Convention. Agreed to.
On motion of S. B. Ruggles of N. Y., five thousand copies of the proceedings of the Convention were ordered to be printed.
Alterations in the Prayer Book.
The Rev. Dr. Haight, of New York, from the Committee on Canons, reported in favor of using the altered stereotype plates in producing any future edition of the standard Prayer Book, but adding notes stating the changes made, and pointing out the interpolations. Agreed to.

The Trial of Ministers.
The Rev. Dr. Dwight, from the Committee on Canons, reported certain amendments in Canon II, Title No. 2, prescribing the offenses for which Presbyters should be tried. The new canon is a verbatim transcript of the like canon in relation to the trial of Bishops.
Rev. Dr. Adams, of Wisconsin, moved to make one of the trials offenses, "contumacious ecclesiastical authority after censure or admonition." He thought that it would be a very good thing to have the priests tried for contumacy.
Rev. Dr. Haight—I have no doubt of it. (Laughter).
The amendment was not accepted, and on motion of Rev. Dr. Haight, the matter was laid upon the table for future action. The offenses named in the proposed canon are classified as follows:—
Every member of the Church shall be liable to presentment and trial on charges for the following offenses:—
1. Crime or immorality.
2. Holding and teaching publicly or privately and advisedly any doctrine contrary to that held by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.
3. Violation of the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention.
4. Violation of the Constitution or Canons of the diocese to which he belongs.
5. Any act which involves a breach of his ordination vows, and on being found guilty he shall be admonished, suspended or degraded according to the canons of the diocese in which the trial takes place, and otherwise provided for by the General Convention.
A lengthy debate ensued on this subject.

The Rev. A. A. Marple spoke against it, particularly against the second clause in the enumeration of offenses.
He thought that great trouble would be the consequence to the Church, and it is nothing more or less than multiplying offenses, and would prove a great mistake as it would introduce great perils into the Church.
The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, of South Carolina, moved to have the proposed Canon laid on the table and pointed out that the substance of the Canon was already part of Canon IX, Title 2, he with some motion.

A spy delegate took place as to what would constitute heretical or heterodox doctrines, and, also, as to a range of the meaning of the words "views," "opinions," "doctrines," "dogmas," &c.
The Rev. Richard S. Mason, of North Carolina, referred to the case of a member who preached opinions

contrary to the doctrine of atonement, and desired to know whether that would be considered heretical.
Rev. Dr. Gadsden reminded the House that some more stringent control for the government of the ministry was required, and he favored the adoption of the new Canon. He had himself seen ministers of the Church attend theatrical exhibitions which were a disgrace to the community. (The reverent gentleman must have been there himself; how else could he know it?)—and which were chiefly intended for purposes of licentiousness.
After this speech the vote was taken and the Canon passed unanimously.

A Missionary Bishop for the Indians.
A message was received from the House of Bishops requesting the prayers of the clerical and lay deputies for the better guidance of the bishops in their selection of a missionary bishop for the Indians. In relation to the request the members of the House knelt and engaged in silent devotion.
Marriage and Divorces.
Another message from the House of Bishops announced the passage by them of the following, to be Canon XIII, Title 5, on Marriage and Divorces:—
No minister of this church shall solemnize marriage in any case where one of the parties is a person of whom one has been divorced for any cause, subsequent to the previous marriage, other than adultery, nor a person divorced for her own adultery. For the purpose of this canon divorce is hereby defined to be "divorced a vinculo matrimonii," formally decreed by a civil court.
The House then met on the morning of the 25th inst., and the Canon reported in the morning by Rev. Dr. Haight was also taken up for debate. The discussion was quite lengthy and interesting. Mr. S. B. Ruggles, of New York, on the 26th day of May, 1868, the General Convention of the Church in response to the request the members of the House knelt and engaged in silent devotion.

Resolved: That it is the sense of this Church that it is inconsistent with a law of God, and the ministers of this Church shall not solemnize marriage in any case where a man, unworthy of the name, in one of the Western States, married a woman who became epileptic, and he was divorced from her for that and no other cause. The poor discarded epileptic attended, as a bridemaid, his second marriage, which was solemnized by a minister of this church. He wished to put an end at once to such a scandalous proceeding.
Rev. Dr. Jacob L. Clark, of Connecticut, referred to the fact that in some parts of New England, mentioning especially Essex county, in Massachusetts, one-tenth part of the marriages is of persons who have been divorced from a husband or wife. Strong arguments were made against the common practice of liberal divorce, and a cleric of the State of Carolina denounced divorce as a sin before God and man, which will call upon this land the direct vengeance of heaven. The subject was disposed of by being referred to the Committee on Canons, to report on Monday next.

Clerical Support.—Adjournment.
The Chair announced the following as the Committee on the Means of devising measures for the better support of the clergy:—
George N. Gordon, Alabama; D. S. Turner, California; C. H. Seymour, Connecticut; James Brown, Delaware; Daniel S. Oakley, Florida; H. D. Moore, Georgia; Samuel H. Treat, Illinois; John S. Irwin, Indiana; George Greene, Iowa; C. C. Parsons, Kansas; W. Stevenson, Kentucky; George H. G. Moore, Louisiana; Robert H. Gardner, Maine; F. W. Burne, Maryland; George C. Shattuck, Massachusetts; Chas. T. Fowler, Michigan; Isaac Atwater, Minnesota; William T. Balfour, Mississippi; George H. G. Moore, Missouri; James W. Van Nostrand, Nebraska; Charles A. Tuttle, New Hampshire; Joseph H. Thompson, New Jersey; George H. G. Moore, New York; Armand J. DeRoese, North Carolina; John W. Andrews, Ohio; William Welsh, Pennsylvania; George W. Case, Pittsburgh; George L. Cook, Rhode Island; Edward McCarty, South Carolina; George R. Fairbanks, Tennessee; James H. Cutter, Texas; Frederick Richardson, Vermont; J. Johnson, Virginia; George C. McWhorter, Western New York, and J. Bodwell Doe, Wisconsin.
The House adjourned to Monday morning at nine.

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1. They are a first mortgage upon the longest and most important railroad in the country.
2. By law they can be issued to the Company only as the road is completed, so that they always represent a real value.
3. Their amount is limited by act of Congress to Fifty Million Dollars on the entire Pacific line, or an average of less than \$100,000 per mile.
4. Hon. E. D. Morgan, of the United States Senate and Hon. Oakes Ames, of the United States House of Representatives, are the trustees for the bondholders, to see that all their interests are protected.
5. Five Government Directors, appointed by the President of the United States, are responsible to the country for the management of the affairs.
6. Three United States Commissioners must certify that the road is well built and equipped, and that it represents a first-class railway, before any bonds can be issued upon it.
7. The United States Government lends the Company its own bonds to the same amount that the Company issues, for which it takes a second mortgage as security.
8. As additional aid, it makes an absolute donation of 12,500 acres of land to the same, lying upon each side of the road.
9. The Bonds pay SIX PER CENT. IN GOLD, and the principal is also payable in gold.
10. The earnings from the road for last year, which after paying operating expenses, was much more than sufficient to pay the interest. These earnings will be yearly increased on the completion of the entire line in 1874.
11. No political action can reduce the rate of interest. It must remain for thirty years, six per cent per annum in gold, now equal to between eight and nine per cent. in currency. The principal is then payable in gold. If a bond, with such guarantees, were loaned by the Government, its market price would not be less than from twenty to twenty-five per cent. premium. As these bonds are issued under Government authority and supervision, upon what is very largely a Government work, they must ultimately approach Government prices. No other corporate bonds are made so secure.
12. The issue will soon be exhausted. The sales have sometimes been half a million a day, and nearly twenty millions have already been sold. About ten millions more may be offered. It is not improbable that at some time not far distant, all the remainder of the bonds the Company can issue will be taken by some combination of capitalists and withdrawn from the market, except at a large advance. The long time, the high gold interest, and the perfect security, must make these bonds very valuable for export.
All the predictions which the officers of the Company have made in relation to the progress and business success of their enterprise, or the value and advance in the price of their securities, have been more than confirmed, and they therefore suggest that parties who were to invest in their bonds will find it to their advantage to do so at once.
The price for the present is 102 and accrued interest six per cent. in currency, from July 1.
Subscriptions will be received in Philadelphia by
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A NEW PAMPHLET AND MAP WAS ISSUED OCT. 1, containing a report of the Progress of the Work to that date, and a more complete statement in relation to the value of the Bonds than can be given in an advertisement, which will be sent free on application at the Company's office, or to any of the advertised agents.
JOHN J. CISCO, TREASURER, October 6, 1868. (111 n w 1/2) New York.

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